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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-VISIT BY CONCORDE SST TO VENEZUELA

1. ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT, WHICH THE EMBASSY CONFIRMED BY A CALL TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, THE BRITISH-FRENCH SST CONCORDE WILL MAKE A TWO-DAY STOP IN MAIQUETIA AIRPORT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16, 1973, ON A TRIP PARIS-HOUSTON. A DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF AVIANCA OF COLOMBIA AND VIASA OF VENEZUELA.

2. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED IN CARACAS, AND IT HAD BEEN REPORTED BY THE BRITISH "FLIGHT" MAGAZINE DURING MAY, THAT VIASA AND BOAC ARE CONDUCTING INFORMAL TALKS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT USE OF THE CONCORDE ON MID-ATLANTIC ROUTES VENEZUELA-EUROPE. ACCORDING TO "FLIGHT", VIASA SEEMS TO FEEL THAT THE USE OF THE SST MIGHT ASSIST IT IN RESISTING THE DOMINATION BY UNITED STATES CARRIERS. VIASA'S GENERAL MANAGER HAS TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT WHILE THIS MIGHT BE STILL A DREAM, VIASA'S MARKET RESEARCH HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT BUSINESS TRAFFIC WILLING TO PAY THE HIGH FARE TO WARRANT AT LEAST TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK BY AN SST TRANSPORT.
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